

NEWS.

SOME OF THE treasures of the library of the Missouri Botanical Garden are described by Miss Eva M. Reed in the April number of the *St. Louis Public Library Magazine*. A list of the best botanical books for amateurs, beginners, and young people is appended.

DR. B. E. FERNOW, for many years chief of the U. S. Division of Forestry, has been appointed director of the new College of Forestry of Cornell University. The curriculum of the college will be announced this summer. It will include mathematics, civil engineering, botany (especially dendrology), entomology, physics, chemistry, geology, and meteorology. Mr. Gifford Pinchot has been appointed to succeed Dr. Fernow.

PARIS'S *Index Bryologicus* has now progressed as far as *Thuidium* and will be completed in one more, the fifth, part. One comment on the multiplication of forms and subforms in the genus *Sphagnum* is too good to allow it to remain buried in this reference work. In a footnote to Röhl's *Systematik* the author remarks: "Spezielle Systematik der Torfmoose. Versuch einer Gruppierung der (Nord-Amerikanischen) Torfmoose nach natürlichen Formenreihen, 36 Formenreihen, 373 Varietäten, 325 Formen und zahlreichen Unter- und Nebenformen enthaltend." Röhl in *Flora* 1886. Sit brevius dictum: "Tot specimina, quot nomina." O Lindbergii Schimperique manes!

DR. A. MÖLLER of Eberswalde has undertaken the preparation of a memoir of Fritz Müller, the distinguished naturalist of Brazil. He would be greatly obliged for the assistance of friends and any who were brought into scientific relations with Müller. Letters, especially those with scientifically valuable contents, separates of his earlier publications, information as to distinctions conferred upon him and his connection with scientific societies, notices in newspapers and periodicals—in fact all contributions which will facilitate the preparation of a suitable memoir—are solicited. All materials will be carefully used and returned to the owner.

THE DANISH botanist Johan Lange died at his home in Copenhagen on the third day of April, this year, at the age of eighty. Although Professor Lange devoted most of his time to the study and description of the flora of Denmark, he also published several voluminous works upon the flora of Greenland and Spain; besides a number of articles upon systematic botany, with descriptions of new species from various parts of the world. His principal work, however, was a *Manual of the Danish flora*, and the last ten volumes of *Flora Danica*. He was for twenty years director of the botanical garden at Copenhagen, and presided over the Danish botanical society for twenty-seven years; besides being professor of botany at the Agricultural College at Copenhagen. During this long career Professor Lange gained a world-wide reputation as a botanist, and was elected a member of numerous scientific societies.—THEO. HOLM.